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As a satisfied user of the XM Instant Traffic & Weather service, I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 as an unwarranted effort to suppress the kind of programming I both need and am willing to pay for. On at least two different occasions this year while driving from South Bend to St. Louis, I was saved significant delays in the Chicago area by receiving up-to-date traffic information. To find this same information -- if indeed it even exists -- on a local Chicago radio station is virtually impossible. To have been forced to surf multiple radio stations for pertinent traffic information while traveling at a high rate of speed on an Interstate highway would have been both unsafe and faintly suggestive of an attempt by the NAB to interfere with Interstate Commerce. Your refusal to allow Federally subsidized radio licensees to override the public's right to seek alternative, non-tax-supported sources of entertainment and information will be greatly appreciated.